



# BookChat

## Spring 2015

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What's New at the Lake Bluff Public Library  
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### Board of Trustees

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### Board Meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 17  
Tuesday, April 21  
Tuesday, May 19

**Library board meetings are held at the library and open to the public.**

### Library Hours

Monday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am–9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm–5:00 pm

### Library Closures

Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday)  
Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend)  
Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)  
All Sundays May 24 through September 6 (Summer Hours)

### Director's Message

Spring is approaching, and what better time to think of roots? For the Lake Bluff Public Library, our roots are in the community. In fact, it's hard to think of a way that the community has not been involved with the Library. Community members have been Board members, Friends of the Library, staff members, and patrons. In the last five years, the community has been more involved than ever, with circulation and user visits reaching the highest levels in the Library's history. As we look toward our upcoming centennial in 2019, both the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Staff are committed to continuing to provide high quality and responsive services to the community.

This spring, the Library Board of Trustees and the staff members of the Lake Bluff Library will create a long range plan to optimize the service, space, and materials provided to the community. As part of this plan, the library will reach out to community groups, organizations, and individuals to learn more about community goals and needs. It is our objective, as a community centered organization, to provide resources and services that meet a variety of community needs. Follow along with the library's progress online here: [www.lakeblufflibrary.org/LRP2015.html](http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org/LRP2015.html)

Your feedback is important to us; let us know what you think!

Best wishes,  
Eric Bailey  
Library Director  
Lake Bluff Public Library

### Friends of the Lake Bluff Library Book Drive

**Saturday, May 16 from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

The Friends of the Lake Bluff Library Book Drive is back just in time for spring cleaning! Bring your old books and textbooks\* to the library's Spruth Room on Saturday, May 16 between 10:00am and 4:00pm. The west side door will be open to take your donations. We'll have tax letters available if you'd like a record of your donation. Donated materials will be sent to Better World Books, an online bookseller that donates a portion of each sale to high-impact literacy projects and the Lake Bluff Library. If you would like to volunteer during this event, please email Linda Schwartz at [lschwartz@atproperties.com](mailto:lschwartz@atproperties.com).

\* Books and textbooks only, please. We cannot accept encyclopedias or other reference materials. We cannot accept donations with mold, mildew, dirt, water damage, or other excessive damage.



*Just some of the 3,300 books we collected last year!*

### National Library Week 2015 | Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library

Sunday, April 12 through Saturday, April 18

Do you want to learn a new language? Have you been meaning to learn how to use Excel? Are you looking for a new recipe? Did you know that the library can help you accomplish all of these things and more? Visit us during National Library Week and learn about the unlimited possibilities that await you! We'll even be giving away some prizes to celebrate.

# Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

Please register for adult programs to ensure we have the room adequately set-up.

Registration can be completed online at [www.LakeBluffLibrary.org](http://www.LakeBluffLibrary.org), by phone at 847-234-2540, or in person at the Reference Desk.

## DIY CRAFT

April 1, May 6, June 3

The first Wednesday of each month at 1pm

Ms. Kira will be hosting a new craft for

adults in our Spruth Room. Materials will

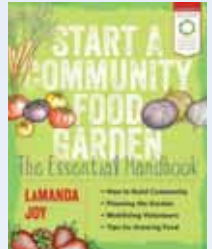
be provided. Registration is required.



## Fearless Food Gardening

Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm

Put fresh, nutritious food on your table! Gardener LaManda Joy speaks from experience as she teaches how to successfully cultivate your own food in the Chicago growing region. Ms. Joy was named "Best Urban Farmer in Chicago" by *Chicago Reader Magazine* in 2013 and believes "Keep it local, keep it simple!" Check out her book, *Start a Community Food Garden, The Essential Handbook*, from the library.



This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Public Library.

## Artists on the Bluff Artwork Display

April 26 through May 8

Come see the work of marvelous local artists at the library! Artwork will be displayed from a variety of local artists in advance of the Artists on the Bluff Arts Festival in downtown Lake Bluff on June 20-21.

## Winter Reading Club

Ends:

Tuesday, March 31

Turn in all logs by this date!



## Kiss Me, I'm Irish

Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm

Delight in classic Celtic tunes sung by Heather Braoudakis. Get a start on celebrating St. Patrick's Day with "Danny Boy" and "It's a Great Day for the Irish!"



## Gain Financial Control of your Divorce

Thursday, March 26 at 7:00pm

The decisions you make during your divorce will affect the rest of your life. But how do you know whether your divorce settlement will lead towards financial freedom or financial ruin down the road? The correct information is crucial so that you make sound financial – not emotional – decisions. This workshop will illustrate how to avoid some of the most common financial mistakes people make and show you sources of money that may be available as a result of your divorce.



## Money Smart Week: April 18-25

### Rethinking Your Retirement: Income Planning

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00pm

Are you wondering if you will have accumulated enough money to retire? What are the three levels of retirement expenses? Should you delay taking your Social Security and pension benefits? At what rate can you withdraw your funds? Mike Vieceli of Harbour Financial Group clarifies how to refocus your retirement strategies by walking through where you are today and where you want to be. This program is for individuals that are contemplating retirement within the next 2-10 years.



# Adult Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## *Picasso, Picasso and Paris: A Salon with Gertrude Stein*



**Tuesday, May 12 at 1:30pm**

Gertrude Stein (1874-1946) was an American writer of novels, poetry and plays and a fervent collector of modern art. For 40 years, the Stein home on the Left Bank of Paris was a renowned Saturday evening gathering place for expatriate American artists and writers, most notably Pablo Picasso. Betsey Means of WomanLore brings Ms. Stein to life with adapted materials from Ms. Stein's journals, autobiographies and personal writings.

## *Laura Ingalls on the Prairie*



**Thursday, May 28 at 7:00pm**

Have you met Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957)? Not the girl from the books, and not the woman from the television series – this is the real Laura Wilder. In this presentation by Laura Keyes you will hear the true-life history of Ms. Wilder with all its hardships and tragedies, and discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books.



Attend book club and share your comments with other book lovers! Carol leads open-ended and insightful discussions that may change your ideas about the book. All of the titles for the discussions are available for check-out at the circulation desk. Some of the titles can be downloaded from MyMediaMall.

**All discussions are on Tuesdays at 1:30pm.**

**March 17:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith (1943, Classic, 493 p.)

**April 21:** *Look Again* by Lisa Scottoline (2009, Fiction, 352 p.)

**May 19:** *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman (2011, Fiction, 352 p.)



## *Showtime: Movies for Adults*

Thanks to the Friends of the Library's generosity, the Spruth Room has black-out blinds so that we can show movies for adults during the day or evening. Bring a friend and enjoy a movie at the library. Refreshments are served.

### **Afternoon Movies at 1:00pm**

**Friday, March 6**

*Maleficent*  
(2014, Rated PG, 97 minutes)

**Friday, April 10**

*The Judge*  
(2014, Rated R, 142 minutes)

**Friday, May 8**

*The Homesman*  
(2014, Rated R, 122 minutes)

### **Evening Movies at 6:30pm**

**Monday, March 30**

*Heaven is for Real*  
(2014, Rated PG, 100 minutes)

## *Wool Gatherers*

**Mondays, March 9, April 20, May 18 at 7:00pm**

This program is an ongoing, adult gathering that meets the third Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. Our circle of needle artists gets together to share stories, solve problems, and work on our current projects. Wool Gatherers is open to all skill levels. Registration is not required.



## **SOLVING DESIGN DILEMMAS**

Designer Asmah Ahmed has been transforming interiors since 2005. In a series of programs, Ms. Ahmed will share her decorating expertise while addressing design dilemmas. Applying the simplest concepts can provide all the inspiration you need to bring your home alive.

### **Color Inspiration & Texture through Wallpaper**

**Thursday, March 12 at 1:30pm**

What's new in the world of paint and wallpaper? Explore the 2015 Pantone color trend and learn how to incorporate it into your home. Maximize the impact by using more than one color or by combining paint with wallpaper. View examples of other cool tricks so you won't find a trace of drab in your house!

### **Pretty Windows**

**Thursday, April 16 at 1:30pm**

Put the finishing touch in a room with window treatments that reflect you and your style! With so many options on the market today, picking the right one can be a challenge. Learn about the different styles and the latest fabrics and drapery hardware so you can be more comfortable making decisions for your home.

### **The Ceilings are Calling**

**Thursday, May 14 at 1:30pm**

Dress up your ceilings and transform them into a new focal point in a room. Have you experimented with wood carved medallions, stencil overlays, molding designs, wallpaper or even mirrors? Come prepared to unleash your creative side.

# Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest and The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Pick up your entry form for these two contests beginning Sunday, March 1.

- All entries for both contests are due no later than **Wednesday, March 18, 2015 by 6:00pm**
- Winners will be announced *Monday, April 13, 2015 at 10:00am*.
- An award presentation ceremony will be held *Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00pm* at Blair Park Rec Center.
- Visit the Children's Department for complete details!
- *Now accepting entries for the Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest electronically. For further information, see the contest form or ask in the children's department.*

The Phyllis Fox Memorial Writing Contest is open to children in grades 1 through 8. Children can write a short story on any subject they wish. First Place winners will receive \$25 gift card.

The Bookmark Design Contest is open to children in grades K through 8. Children can design a bookmark on the theme of reading and/or books. First Place winners will receive 100 professionally printed copies of their winning entry. All winning entries will be available for patrons at the library.



### Preschool Storytime

**Tuesdays, March 3 through April 7**  
**Registration is required.**

We will have stories, songs and crafts for young children.

2 year olds	11:15am to 11:35am For 1 child with 1 adult
3 to 5 year olds	10:30am to 11:00am For children without adult

### Lego-Mania! Build Your Own Robot Out of Legos!

**Saturday, March 7**  
**Registration is required.**

Come and build awesome robotic LEGO creations! Children ages 6 through 12 will be able to build amazing robotic LEGO projects with the assistance of CA Robot Factory.

10:00am to 11:00am Ages 6 to 8	11:15am to 12:15pm Ages 9 to 12
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*This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Public Library.*

### Movie at the Library

**Wednesday, April 1st at 2:00pm**

Movie title will be announced. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

### April Art Show

**Throughout the month of April**

The children's department will host amazing artwork created by the children from Ms. Thomsen's K-5 after school art classes at the Park District. Stop by and see the remarkable talent of these Lake Bluff children.



### National Library Week

**Sunday, April 12 through Saturday, April 18**

Celebrate the many wonders of your library with us this week. We offer you everything from magazines and books to computers and eBooks for recreation and education. Visit the Children's Department and see what's new.

#### \*Bookmark Design Contest Display

All of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bookmark Design Contest entries will be on display in the Children's Department. Come see all the imaginative designs.

#### \* Drop In Craft

**While supplies last.**

Drop in and make a delightful craft for National Library Week.

### Mad Hatters Return!

**Saturday, April 25 at 11:00am**

**All ages**

Join us for this fast-paced, exciting program sponsored by the Junior League of Chicago. These amazing performers use their hats as their costumes as they tell stories and sing songs to entertain all.

### Parent/Child Reading Group

**For Grades 2-3**

**Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm**

*The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Catling  
(Juvenile Fiction, 87 pages, 1981)

**For Grades 4-5**

**Monday, April 13 at 7:30pm**

*The Great Unexpected* by Sharon Creech  
(Juvenile Fiction, 226 pages, 2012)

Boys and girls in grades 2-5 can bring a parent to our book discussion group. Copies of the books will be available at the children's desk.





# Children's Programs @ the Lake Bluff Public Library

## Winter Reading Club Ends Saturday, May 2

This is the last day to report on any books for the Winter Reading Club. No badges will be awarded after that date.

## Summer Reading Club Starts Saturday, June 2

Join us for  
Superheroes  
are Super Readers

## Just for Teens & Tweens

Grades 6 through 12



### Anime and Manga Club

Thursdays, March 5, April 9, and May 7  
at 7:30pm

Join us each month as we dive into the world of manga and anime. We'll check out some new favorites as well as some old classics, have lively discussions about the topics you love most and even try some Japanese snacks and drinks! Check back at the library for more details.

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, March 12, April 16 and May 14  
at 7:30pm

Join this fun group and earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, find new books, and give us your two cents about teen services! You can even play a bookish guessing game for the chance to win a different prize every month! Snacks and drinks will be served.

### Teen Movie

Thursday, April 2 at 2:00pm

Teens & Tweens can join us for the movie, *Guardians of the Galaxy* rated PG-13. Popcorn will be available.



### Up-cycle for Earth Day

Thursday, April 23 at 7:30pm

Make your friends green with envy! Come to the library and make crafts out of up-cycled materials!

### Teen Knitting

Thursdays, March 19, April 30, and May 28  
at 7:30pm

Teens, if you have an interest in knitting or crochet, join us once a month to stitch and chat! Eliza can teach you the basics, help you master new techniques, or even troubleshoot problems you might be having! Beginners are welcome in this relaxed, informal group.



### Teen Book Discussion

Saturdays at 2:00pm

Join Eliza for coffee or tea and a book discussion at the Starbucks on Waukegan Road in Lake Bluff. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk!

March 21 – *And We Stay* by Jenny Hubbard

April 18 – *Heist Society* by Ally Carter

May 16 – *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson



Join us on the teen blog; get the latest information and goings-on. Submit your own posts to share opinions on books you just finished, games you're obsessed with, movies you're anticipating, and more!  
<http://lakeblufflibraryteens.tumblr.com/>



# Friends Helping Friends

**THANK YOU Lake Bluff!** Your contributions to the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library 2014 annual fundraising campaign help fund programs for all members of our community. With your help, the Lake Bluff Library is able to provide additional programs and enhancements. Here are some future events that your contributions are supporting:

**March 7** - LEGO™ Mania for children ages 6 to 12. This is the second year that the Friends have sponsored this very popular event where children build robotic LEGO™ projects.

**April 13** - Fearless Food Gardening, a presentation by community gardener LaManda Joy. This program is in conjunction with additional gardening programs and events that will be funded by the Friends and will be held during the summer for both adults and children.

**May 16** - Used Book Drive. The Friends again invite the community to donate used hardcover books, paperbacks and textbooks during this weekend to help us earn money for the Lake Bluff Library. Last year, we collected over 3,300 books!

Look for future programs and enhancements which will be supported by your donations. Consider taking an active role in the Friends of the Library by attending our monthly meeting on the third Saturday of the month.

## *The Friends of the Library*

Linda Schwartz, *President*  
Eileen Laack, *Vice President*  
Eva Javier, *Treasurer*  
Mary Dahlmann, *Secretary*

## *Friends Meetings at 10:00am*

Meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

Saturday, March 21  
Saturday, April 18  
Saturday, May 16



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